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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, QA
SUBJECT: SECOND FIRE AT UMM SAID OIL FACILITIES IN QATAR

1. SECOND MAJOR FIRE HAS OCCURRED AT UMM SAID PETROLEUM AREA MAY 2, AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL TIME, ONE MONTH AFTER EXPLOSIVE DESTRUCTION OF NGL PLANT. IN SECOND FIRE ONE LARGE OIL STORAGE TANK AND ONE TANKER TRUCK WERE DESTROYED. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. ACCORDING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT SOURCE, ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE STORAGE TANK WAS BEING CLEANED. ONE TANKER HAD JUST DEPARTED AREA LOADED WITH SLUDGE AND SECOND TANKER WAS BACKING UP TO ACCESS HATCH WHEN SPILLED OIL AND SLUDGE WERE IGNITED BY EXHAUST. TANK AND TANKER WERE DESTROYED.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE ONLY FAVORABLE WIND PREVENTED OTHER NEARBY TANKS FROM BEING DESTROYED. NO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS OR FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WERE IN THE AREA OF THE FIRE AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. FIRE WAS OUT OF CONTROL BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT COULD BE MADE TO EXTINGUISH IT. FIRE BURNED UNTIL MORNING OF MAY 3 WHEN IT WAS FINALLY EXTINGUISHED.

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3. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, QATAR PETROLEUM COMPANY (QPC) HAD FAILED TO PROVIDE MOST BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN CLEANING OPERATION. WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINOR FIRE TURNED INTO MAJOR AND EXPENSIVE ACCIDENT.
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